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Tom and Elaine, we've spoken about this one. BLM is using a 25-year-old EA to allow the company to restart uranium mining in the Arizona Strip north of Grand Canyon. BLM has said they don't see any NEPA triggers. NGOs have just sued.

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Lawsuit Challenges Uranium Mine That Threatens Water and Wildlife of the Grand Canyon
By: Center for Biological Diversity

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. November 16, 2009 - Today the Center for Biological Diversity, Grand Canyon Trust, and Sierra Club filed suit in an Arizona federal court challenging the Bureau of Land Management's approval of the restart of a defunct uranium mine just north of Grand Canyon National Park.

Suit filed to block uranium-mine from opening near Grand Canyon
By Bill Coates - Arizona Capitol Times

The bureau approved operations for the Arizona 1 mine under an environmental assessment conducted in the 1980s. But the groups that filed the suit on Nov. 16 claimed environmental standards have since become more stringent and a new review should be required.

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Sandy Bahr, director of the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter, said the area near the Grand Canyon was too important environmentally to "rely on outdated environmental data."

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